

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 22, and ending on page 8, line 6, with the following replacement paragraph (which is marked to show that reference 42 is replaced with reference 48):

FIGURE 3 is an exploded view of one embodiment of a molding system for forming a molded tube 18 according to the teachings of the present invention. As shown in FIGURE 3, a male plug (or core) 40 is formed on a base [42]48. A cavity block 44 having a cavity 46 mates with the core 40. Injection material, such as, without limitation, an injection-moldable grade of a thermosetting elastomer, for example "liquid silicone" rubber, is injected into the cavity 46 and cured around the core 40 to form the molded tube 18 shown in FIGURE 3. It should be understood that other injection materials, such as, without limitation, a thermoplastic elastomer, may also be used.